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## SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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REQUESTING THE HONOLULU AUTHORITY FOR RAPID TRANSPORTATION TO  
TELEVISION OR MAKE AVAILABLE ONLINE ITS MEETINGS.

1 WHEREAS, television and online publications play an  
2 important role in keeping the public informed of daily events in  
3 the State; and  
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5 WHEREAS, 'Olelo Community Media has televised selected  
6 proceedings of the Legislature and Honolulu City Council,  
7 thereby keeping the general public informed of the major issues  
8 that affect their daily lives and the decisions made by their  
9 elected officials; and  
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11 WHEREAS, it is important that government agencies televise  
12 meetings to keep the community informed of major issues that  
13 affect them; and  
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15 WHEREAS, members of the public are not always able to  
16 attend the open meetings of the Honolulu Authority for Rapid  
17 Transportation; and  
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19 WHEREAS, meeting minutes can only provide a general  
20 accounting of issues discussed at these meetings, while  
21 televised meetings allow the public to view the actual  
22 proceedings and gain a greater context of the discussions; and  
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24 WHEREAS, a well-informed public that is able to actively  
25 participate in government by voicing concern and lending  
26 expertise would result in more well-informed policy and decision  
27 making; and  
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29 WHEREAS, the Open Government Plan set forth by the Governor  
30 seeks to increase community involvement in government affairs  
31 affecting the community, and to make government agency meetings  
32 more accessible to the public by video teleconferencing issues  
33 of interest to the public; and



WHEREAS, the public is often uninformed and uninvolved in important matters discussed by the Honolulu Authority for Rapid Transportation because its meetings are not televised or otherwise made available online; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-eighth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2015, the House of Representatives concurring, that the Honolulu Authority for Rapid Transportation is requested to televise or make available online its meetings; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Office of the Mayor of the City and County of Honolulu, Chair of the Honolulu City Council, Chair of the Board of Directors for the Honolulu Authority for Rapid Transportation, and Executive Director of the Honolulu Authority for Rapid Transportation.

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